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By Mr. Murphy of Burlington, petition of Charles A. Murphy and  
others relative to sex crimes against children. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Charles A. Murphy	J. James Marzilli, Jr.
James R. Miceli	James B. Eldridge
Douglas W. Petersen	Brian Knuuttila

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 22A, as appearing in the 2000  
3 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section:—

5 Section 22A. Whoever has sexual intercourse or unnatural  
6 sexual intercourse with a child under the age of sixteen, and com-  
7 pels said child to submit by force and against his will or compels  
8 said child to submit by threat of bodily injury, shall be punished  
9 by imprisonment in the state prison for life or any term of years,  
10 but not less than five years.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 265 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 23, as so appearing, and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following section:—

4 Section 23. Whoever unlawfully has sexual intercourse or  
5 unnatural sexual intercourse and abuses a child under the age of  
6 sixteen shall, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for  
7 life or any term of years, but not less than five years.